GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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DEEP TUBE WELLS
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by the Central Ground Water Board in several parts of Bihar for drilling deep tube-wells;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the details of the further plan of the Government to ensure sufficient availability of water in the State for irrigation purposes?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Central Ground Water Board undertakes periodical surveysand exploratory drilling of tube wells i n various States including Bihar. The Central GroundWater Board has constructed 342 exploratory tube wells in the State upto June 2000. 45 successful exploratory wells have been handed over to the State Government for their purposeful utilisation for drinking, irrigation and other purposes. Duuring the year 2000- 2001, the Central Ground Water Board has fixeda target of drilling 28 exploratory wells in Patna, Nalanda, Gaya, Jahanabad, Hazaribagh, Bokaro, Giridih, Dhanbad, Ranchi and Singhbhum districts of the State.

(c) Irrigation being a State subject, these projects are planned, investigated and are taken up for implementation by the State Governments themselves out of their own resources and as per their own priorities. In Bihar there are 14 Majorand 29 Medium ongoing irrigation projects, envisaging creation of ultimate 1447.46 thousand hectare irrigation potential on completion, in addition to 10 Major pending irrigation projects with ultimate irrigation potential of 822.97 thousand hectare. The Centre has, however, launched Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) since 1996-97 for providingCentral Loan Assistance (CLA) to the State Governments for accelerating implementation of ongoing irrigation and multipurpose projects. An assistance of about Rs.219.4 crore has been provided to 14 projects in Bihar so far under the AIBP.